

SKINNER ITEMS.

Mr. Snow's High-priced Stock--
Horses Dying.

Skinner, Mo., Dec. 20.—An 8 inch snow graced old mother earth Tuesday morning.

The weekly singings progress nicely. We meet each Tuesday night and have delightful times. The crowd grows with each meeting. The meeting this time is with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Payton. Next Tuesday 'twill meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner.

At Mr. Snow's sale things brought good prices. A yearling heifer brought \$101, to Chas. Early; a cow and young calf to Tommy Rowe for \$112; a yearling bull to Byron Black for \$75. All pure bred Short-horns. A young draft mare to Kirt Rowe for \$205. Timothy hay, \$22.00 per ton.

Everybody regrets to see Mr. and Mrs. Snow's family depart for their new chosen home in Montana. They have made us good neighbors. Here's hoping their new home may be as pleasant and profitable as expected.

Ham Smith and son, Frank, have leased the Barnes-Roberts farm of 160 acres for the ensuing year.

Earnest Chedister had a sale recently and has secured a job with James Grocery Store at Centralia. Sorry he and wife are leaving our immediate vicinity.

The Bethlehem Bidge was put in last week. It's a steel structure.

J. E. Holloway suffered a spell of stomach trouble Saturday night.

Many horses are sick from various causes lately. Ben Turner, two; Geo. Brown, one, which he lost; Wm. Pollock, one; D. R. Stricklin, three; Tanner and Day, one; Taylor Berrey, two, lost one; Porter Bruce, four; Bill Clyne, one, which he lost; Frank Weinand, one; Elmer Gatewood, one; W. H. DeJarnatt, one; Ham Smith, three, lost one; Alex. Bruce, one; A. E. Bourke, four, lost two. Various others have had them sick lately.

Edward Machin, the Watkins' man, was thru our vicinity Monday selling his wares.

A. E. Bourke traded his valuable 240 acre farm for a stock of hardware and groceries at Windsor, Mo. The farm was put in at \$110 an acre and the stock at 90 cts. on \$1.00, said stock invoicing \$19,000.

Our people are extremely sorry to see A. E. Bourke and family depart for their new home at Windsor, Mo., which will be about the 20th of January. They have made such valuable adjuncts to our society.

Wallace Harvey is spending a fortnight with his little friend, Harlan Ehret, at Garden City, Kansas.

P. T. Bruce has sold to date 84 bushels of seed corn. If you want the best better get on the band wagon early and avoid the rush.

C. M. Berrey, Elmer Gatewood and Chas. Meyer were in Iowa last week and bought a bunch of feeders each. The former getting three loads and the latter each one load.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilfley will give a Christmas dinner to a few friends.

Mrs. A. L. Hickman will depart Monday next for Mrs. Hickman's home in Vinita, Okla., much improved in health.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Message, its corps of helpers and all its readers.

THE WEATHER.

Sunday was the shortest day of the year, and the next day it snowed. A fall of 9 inches between Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. But it is not cold and the "beautiful" snow may not tarry with us long.

Messrs. J. A. Johnson and E. C. Callaway, two hustling young of the Molino community, made the Message a pleasant business call yesterday.

January Clearing Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Beginning Saturday, 27th December

BARTH, THE CLOTHIER

Offers the following January prices now, and every price is backed by the BARTH enviable third-of-century reputation. Remember the great BARTH eight-store buying organization, and the benefits you always derive therefrom, which are especially evident in this sale.

On account of the very low prices offered here on men's and boys' clothing, the sale will end positively on the following Saturday, 3rd January.

We have about 75 men's suits and as many overcoats, one of a lot, that we have marked to sell in this sale at \$4.75 to \$6.75

BARTH Men's and Young Men's \$12.50 and \$10 Suits and Overcoats \$7.75

Your saving on this should be added to the regular BARTH saving. 375 Good Suits and as many overcoats under this head; original price tickets remain on all garments.

BARTH Men's and Young Men's \$16.50 and \$15 Suits and Overcoats \$11.75

We have the best \$15 suits in this country. Bought with seven other big stores, remember regular low BARTH price. Equivalent to 33 1/3 per cent. discount elsewhere.

BARTH Men's and Young Men's \$20 and \$18.50 Suits and Overcoats \$15.75

Suits of all-wool Worsted and Cheviots, all colors, black and white mixtures, brown, blue, gray etc. Newest models, hand made. Unrestricted choice. Chin-chilla overcoats included.

BARTH Men's and Young Men's \$25 Suits and Overcoats \$19.75

Finest of hand tailored suits and overcoats in America. Guaranteed in every respect. Our buyers see the greatest lines of the country. See window display.

Children's Suits and Overcoats

Unrestricted choice of any BARTH \$2.50 and \$3.00 Qualities \$1.95 BARTH \$5.00 and \$6.00 Qualities \$3.95 BARTH \$7.50 and \$8.50 Qualities \$5.95

Men's and Young Men's Pants

Unrestricted choice of any BARTH \$2.50 and \$3.00 pants \$1.95 BARTH \$4.00 and \$4.50 pants \$3.15 BARTH \$5 and \$5.50 pants \$3.95

SPECIAL:--

On Saturday, first day of sale only, the following items will be offered along with many others: Extra heavy mixed work socks, 15c quality, 3 pairs .25 20 dozens 50c work shirts, each .35 \$1.50 flannel shirts, blue or gray \$1.15 75c heavy Jersey work shirts .55 \$1 and \$1.25 shirts with soft collar, attached or detached .75 40 \$2 and \$1.50 dress shirts, each 1.00 Best \$1 fleeced union suit, heavy .75 Heavy Jersey work gloves, 15c quality .10 \$3 work coats, best offered, duck or corduroy 2.25 Sweaters, turtle neck style, \$4 quality 3.15 New wide-end knit ties, 75c quality .50 Boy's or men's 75c and 50c winter caps .40 All 50c mufflers .35 25% discount on bath robes and smoking jackets

Ask for a BARTH Calendar

Mr. A. S. Paspueth of this city, a traveling man, was married a few days ago at Topeka, Kan., to Mrs. Isabelle M. Hayes. They will reside at Milwaukee, Wis.

Miss Laura Ellen Stanley, who was reared in this city, was married a few days ago at St. Joseph to Mr. A. W. Castle. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. W. Stanley.

St. Catherine Guild of the Mexico Episcopal church will appropriately remember the six elderly men at the County Poor Farm today—this Christmas time.

Mr. Claud Hulen of Centralia and Mrs. Libbie Asberry of this city were married here last Sunday. Rev. I. G. Head of Centralia officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. D. W. Butler here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blum of Mexico are visiting in Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. Blum writes that his health is much improved

Mrs. A. L. Hunt who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Albert Burgess, out near Molino, killed a big fox a few days ago which he thinks had been getting his chickens and turkeys.

TRAIN IN DITCH.

A Score of Persons Hurt—Mexico People Aboard.

Passengers on a wrecked Wash train near Montgomery City Monday afternoon used snow to fight fire in partly telescoped coaches. The flames were extinguished.

A broken rail caused six of the eight coaches of westbound train No. 9 to leave the track two miles west of Montgomery City at 4:45. Heavy steel coaches prevented any loss of life. Fewer than 20 of the persons aboard suffered injuries. None was hurt seriously.

The train was running 40 miles an hour. The combination smoking and baggage car was thrown almost to the edge of the right of way. The engine did not leave the track. J. S. Gould of St. Louis was conductor. He had been serving as conductor 26 years and this was his first accident. H. E. Walker of Moberly was fireman on the train. He had been a fireman seven years, and to think his record was broken he sat down and cried.

The train left the track while a blinding snowstorm was raging. A relief train from Montgomery City took all women and children to that town. The line was tied up for twelve hours.

J. T. Johnson of Mexico and daughter, Maecena, were on the train. Johnson did some fine work helping rescue passengers. Hon. E. A. Shannon of Mexico was also on the train and was among the slightly injured. Other Mexico people aboard were: Mrs. S. E. Portermaine and two children, Charles Guthrie, Mrs. J. N. Crebs and two children, Reese Holmer, Herbert Collins and Misses Ruth, Flavel and Anna McLoney. None of these were injured. Miss Jessie Neal of Vandalia was also a passenger.

Money to loan on farms. Good supply. Reasonable rates and terms. Lakenan & Barnes, Mexico, Mo.

The 7-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fields died at Sturgeon last Saturday night. The body was buried in Mexico.

FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

Jeff Woods of Callaway county bought a span of mules of James Rutter, south of Mexico recently, paying \$440.

Feeders at Thompson are shipping in corn from Chariton county, Mo., and Southern Iowa, paying 71 to 74 cents a bushel.

J. A. Lampson of this city won fifth cockerel, third cock and fifth hen with his Barred Plymouth Rocks at the Poultry Show in Jefferson City last week.

Starr & Afflick of Centralia marketed recently 546 lambs of their own feeding. They averaged 73 lbs. and sold at \$8.00, the top of the market for the week.

W. J. and J. H. Baker of this county sold 56 head of heifers on the St. Louis market last week. Part of the bunch weighed 762 lbs. and sold at \$8.75. The others weighed 796 and sold at \$8.25. J. H. Baker fed the cattle, and he knows how the feeding is done.

J. R. Smiley of near Santa Fe had 114 head of 866 pound steers on the market in St. Louis recently which sold at \$7.50. He bought the cattle last April, weighing 580 lbs., and since last August gave them corn, which cost him 70 and 80 cents a bushel. Mr. Smiley is an extensive feeder of live stock.

F. R. Jesse and family are arranging to move to St. Louis this week. They will make their home in Webster Groves. Mr. Jesse will take charge of Joseph H. Rodes' large disinfectant manufacturing company, will be full business manager. The Message regrets to have this excellent family leave Mexico. Mr. Jesse is an able attorney, a man of sturdy character and of unusual ability. We commend him in anything he undertakes.

C. D. Littrell of this county sold 23 head of 1200 lb. cattle on the St. Louis market last week at \$8.75. In the same consignment he had 18 steers of 1390 lb. weight which brought \$8.15. The Live Stock Reporter says the cattle were conditioned by Mr. Littrell personally and were fed on a ration of corn and cotton-seed meal and were on a good blue grass pasture all summer. They made a very nice gain and Mr. Littrell says that the cattle made him good money.

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Our good friend M. E. Huffman, down on Cuivre, this county, while engaged in a friendly scuffle with a neighbor at a hog killing one day last week fell over a wagon tongue and broke both bones above the ankle in his left leg. He was a great sufferer for several days after the accident.

MONEY TO LOAN

On good Real Estate Security—Reasonable Rates and Easy Terms
LAKENAN & BARNES
MEXICO, MO.
30 years in the Business here.

Dwelling House Burns.

The house on the A. L. Corbin farm, southeast of Mexico, burned to the ground at about 8 o'clock Monday morning. It was occupied by Thomas Hamilton but no one was at home when the fire caught. It is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. Mr. Hamilton had \$500 insurance on his furniture. Mr. Corbin also had some insurance. The latter lives at Wilmot, Ill.

All the Mexico churches had exercises for the children this week appropriate for the Christmas time.

Mrs. Carter Powell of Bachelor, Mo., is visiting her parents in this city, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Gibbs.

Greetings:-- The Mexico Power Company

Wishes All its Friends and Patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Journey thru the Tomorrow Country of 1914---for which journey you doubtless are now preparing.

At This Season when good wishes can be offered without apology, we wish that you may enjoy the confidence of neighbors, the respect of your own souls, and the approval of the Founder of Christmas himself.

This Company Will endeavor to promote the comfort, economy and convenience of all its Customers and many patrons.